

KING TALKS ON "GOOD ROADS"

INVENTOR OF SPLIT LOG DRAG ADDRESSED LARGE AUDIENCE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Dean Ward King of Missouri, that man of the split log drag fame, in a talk to an audience of nearly four hundred people at the local high school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, made an impression which should establish a new era in the history of road improvement in Morrison county.

R. B. Millard of this city, one of Morrison county's good roads boosters, presided over the meeting and introduced A. J. McGuire, dairy expert with the extension division of the state university, who made a few brief remarks and announcements in regard to the extension work which he is doing among the farmers' clubs in this county this week.

Mr. King opened his talk by telling of the location of his farm in the extreme northwestern corner of Missouri. This farm, he said, has a front gate. From the front gate of this farm for a distance of one-half mile toward his neighbor's farm, leading toward town, is the best piece of road that the state of Missouri has seen in 19 years.

His history, as told in his talk, was in substance as follows: He was born in Springfield, Ohio. After he grew to manhood he purchased a farm in Missouri and went out there to operate it, although he knew nothing of farming.

One day, while working with a drag much similar to the present split log drag, but then used only to break the corn stalks in the corn field before plowing it, he chanced to pay special attention to the way it worked and his thoughts turned toward using it to drag the road in front of his farm to make it smooth.

The speaker told of two tests to his piece of road which proved its durability. The first was a test with water. For two weeks it rained almost continuously, yet, twenty-four hours after the last rainfall of those two weeks Mr. King dragged the road and made a racetrack of it.

MRS. GOLLNIK TO ASYLUM

SENT TO PRISON FOR MURDER OF HUSBAND—COMMITTED TO INSANE ASYLUM

In the Stillwater news of the Minneapolis Tribune of yesterday is an item to the effect that Mrs. Mathilda Gollnik, who was sent to the state penitentiary for life from Morrison county for the murder of her husband, has been committed to the hospital for the insane at Fergus Falls.

The attack on the life of William R. Gollnik was made at his home on a farm in Swan River during the early hours of August 13, 1908, he living until August 16, three days later, without having regained consciousness.

Mrs. Gollnik claimed before and during the trial that Mr. Gollnik had been assaulted by burglars because he would not sign over some certificates of deposit.

After being on trial a week, the jury on Oct. 13, having been out 19 hours, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Mrs. Gollnik.

She was sentenced to the state penitentiary for life the following morning and taken away to commence the serving of her sentence.

STORY HOUR TOMORROW

A story hour will be held at the high school auditorium tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. R. D. Musser will tell the story.

A MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

LITTLE FALLS WILL HAVE ONE ON BROADWAY—PROGRAM ON CHRISTMAS EVE

A municipal Christmas tree will decorate the square at the intersection of Broadway and First street east the greater part of next week. This is something which has never before been attempted in Little Falls.

The tree will be erected on Tuesday or Wednesday, and will be furnished by the Civic League. R. D. Musser will furnish a man to put up the tree and the Water Power company will decorate it with electric lights, entirely free of charge.

On Christmas Eve the lights will be turned on, probably at about 8 o'clock. The Musical Art club will carry out a program of Christmas carols, etc., and the school-children of the city will also sing several songs.

The public is invited to come out and as a municipality celebrate this great holiday under one large Christmas tree.

18 inches. And the earth which composed the bed of the road was the same as that alongside of it. The reason for the hard roadway was that layer after layer of earth had been put on by means of the road drag, and each and every layer was packed and rolled by the traffic.

After relating his experiences with the road drag Mr. King told how to make the split log drag and how to use it. He had a full size drag on the sum of 4000 sq ft of porous pine shingles made.

One of the questions asked was, "How does the split log drag work on a sandy road?" Mr. King answered that the drag works very good on a sandy road, but such roads can never be as good as clay or gravel roads.

He suggested as a remedy for sandy roads that clay be spread on at a depth of about an inch and a half at a time, by means of a manure spreader. Let the traffic pack the clay and when the sand begins to show plainly, apply another coat of clay.

After answering the various questions the speaker announced that the board of city of Little Falls had decided to stimulate the good roads movement by offering prizes for the best dragged road. The prizes will be awarded as follows:

\$50 in gold for the best mile of log dragged road within 7 miles of Little Falls. \$25 for the second best log dragged road within 7 miles of Little Falls. \$15 for the best 1/2 mile of log dragged road on each of the rural routes from Little Falls.

THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY—DUE JANUARY 4—PENALTY MARCH 1

This week we commence the publication of the personal tax list for Morrison county. Personal taxes are due January 4 and must be paid prior to March 1 to avoid a penalty of ten per cent. The first installment follows:

Table listing property owners and their assessed values for the personal property tax. Includes names like Anderson, John G., Adams, John, Adams, Mat, etc., and values ranging from \$1.70 to \$598.25.

CLOSE FOR XMAS VACATION

GRADE SCHOOL WILL ALL HAVE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS TODAY

The public schools of this city close this afternoon for the regular Christmas vacation and will not reopen until Monday, January 4. As has been the custom in the schools in past years programs will be carried out in the various grades.

At the Central short programs will be carried out by the first, second and third grades on the lower floor and by the fourth, fifth and eighth grades on the second floor.

At the Columbia the seventh and primary grades will have programs and ordinary Christmas exercises will be carried out in the other grades.

Short programs will be carried out by all the Hawthorne grades. The students of the third and fourth grades of the Lincoln will enact a five-act play this afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Sydney S. D. Kaye)

Basketball The high school basketball quint met a very unpleasant surprise Saturday, Dec. 12, when they played at Royalton.

The boys were handicapped to a great extent as they have been in the habit of using a considerable amount of team work in practice. This was almost impossible at Royalton because of the very small playing floor.

No return game has been scheduled to be played with Royalton at present, but it is hoped that in the near future we will have one.

Following is the lineup: Little Falls: Levine, rf; H. Schwartz, lf; R. Carnes, c; Englerth, lg; Bourke, rg; Sjutliff, sub; Sjutliff, sub; Sjutliff, sub.

Elk River high school plays in the Little Falls gymnasium Saturday, Dec. 19. Elk River has a very good team this year and a good game is looked for. Ovid Belanger will be on the squad again this time.

The high school and grades of this city are rejoicing over the fact that Friday is the last day of school for two weeks. School will open again Monday, January 4, 1915.

Miss Lindie Norman, who has been substituting at Burtrum for some time, returned to school Monday. The short course students visited the Kenkel farm the first part of the week.

A. J. McGuire, who spoke at the high school Wednesday, spoke to the Rice Lake Farmers' club Wednesday evening. About eighty members were present.

The building, which has been purchased by Mr. Masog is being remodelled and redecorated and new shelving and fixtures will be installed.

The English classes are at present devoting at least one day of each week to the study of the Literary Digest. The board of education has subscribed for 25 of these magazines to be used for that purpose.

Miss Clark had the misfortune to sprain her wrist Tuesday morning. It is the plan of the principal M. W. Zipoy, to have Victrola programs once a week. Mr. Zipoy has chosen a committee to look after the music for the year.

Very good care will be taken of them and the safe return of all is guaranteed. If anyone who has a Victrola or Victor machine of any kind would be so kind as to inform the committee and to let them use a few records it would be appreciated very much.

GYM TEAM TO BEMIDJI MONDAY

LOCALS WILL MEET A STRONG TEAM IN THE NORTHERN TOWN

Gym Team is the name selected for an independent basketball quint which will be organized here tomorrow for a series of games during the holiday season.

Bemidji has one of the fastest basketball teams of the state and is after high honors. They have played several games already this season and won by overwhelming scores.

Several games will be played at the local gymnasium, but not until after Christmas. Company L of the Red Wing National Guards, is scheduled for a game here on the evening of December 29 and games may also be arranged for with the St. Cloud Catholic team and other fast aggregations.

In the Bemidji games Swanson and Longley will be forwards, Pynn and Diedrich guards and Ritter and Brannen will alternate at center. Dunphy will sub.

THE CITY CAN GET TWO ELK

OFFER MADE BY SEATTLE B. P. O. E.—CRATING AND SHIPPING ONLY COST

The Exalted Ruler of B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 770 is in receipt of a telegram from the Exalted Ruler of the Seattle Elks lodge, asking if the city of Little Falls could use two elk at this time by paying the crating and shipping expenses on the same.

As local people will remember it was thought that two elk could be secured from the Yellowstone National Park last March and a subscription list was circulated and over \$69 secured. It turned out that the city could not get the elk from the park and the Seattle lodge was written in regard to getting two animals from them.

The total cost of getting the animals may be \$100 to \$125, depending upon their weight. The subscription list may be circulated once more and the local Elks lodge has promised to contribute a goodly share of the money in order to get the animals.

Seemingly the only thing which would prevent getting the elk at this time is the temperature. At Seattle the weather is now mild whereas the temperature has been rather low here during the past week or so, and it is feared that the animals could not withstand the great change.

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The matter was taken up at a special meeting of the Elks lodge last night, but it was after press time and no particulars could be obtained.

MASOG TO OPEN CLOTHING STORE

Little Falls is to have another clothing store in the near future. The store will be located in the building formerly occupied by the Julius Jetka hardware store and will be owned and managed by Jos. Masog of this city.

The building, which has been purchased by Mr. Masog is being remodelled and redecorated and new shelving and fixtures will be installed.

The local gymnasium opened for the winter season Wednesday, with a fair sized enrollment. The gym will remain open for three and one-half months, closing on March 31.

Ross Dunphy has charge of the work. There will be three evening classes, each of which will be given two nights a week at the gym. An afternoon class has been organized for the junior members, and a girls' class may be organized later if enough members can be secured.

The membership fees are the same as last year, \$1 per month for senior members and 50c per month for juniors.

Dr. N. W. Chance is confined to his home with illness this week. club Friday, Dec. 11, was very well attended and the club wishes to thank everyone who attended for their loyal support.

XMAS SERVICES AT CHURCHES

SPECIAL SERVICES AT NEARLY ALL LOCAL CHURCHES—ALSO SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

With the approach of Christmas the various churches in this city and affiliated organizations are preparing services and programs fitting the great holiday. Some of the churches have no pastors at this time and in these only Sunday school programs will be given.

Following is a list of the services and programs at the various churches: Congregational Christmas service Sunday, December 20, at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Walter M. Swan will deliver the sermon. Special music as follows:

Holy Night..... Choir There Were Shepherds..... Choir Glory to God—Duet..... Carol Schallern and Evelyn Raymond O. Little Town of Bethlehem—Duet Mrs. Chas. Jensen, Miss Laura Brannen

A Christmas cantata will be given by the Sunday school on Wednesday evening, December 23, at 7 o'clock, at the church. The title of the cantata is "Santa's Reception." Christmas tree. Church of Our Saviour Christmas tree and carol service on Wednesday evening, December 23, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Swedish Lutheran Christmas services at 10:30 a. m. on Christmas day. Christmas tree program by Sunday school Saturday evening, December 27, beginning at 7 o'clock. Christmas tree.

Norwegian Lutheran Regular Christmas services at 10:30 a. m. Christmas day. Christmas program by Sunday school at 7:30 p. m. Christmas day.

German Lutheran Regular Christmas services at 10:30 a. m. Christmas day. Christmas program by Sunday school at 7:30 p. m. Christmas day.

Presbyterian Christmas services Sunday evening, December 27, at 8 o'clock p. m. Christmas tree celebration Tuesday evening, December 22, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m.

St. Adalbert's Church First mass at 5 o'clock a. m. Second mass immediately following first and high mass at 10 o'clock a. m. Vespers at 3 p. m. Sacred Heart Mass at midnight of Christmas Eve. Services on Christmas day to be announced Sunday.

St. Francis Xavier High mass at 6 o'clock a. m. Christmas day. Low mass immediately following. High mass at 10:30 a. m. Methodist Episcopal Christmas tree, program and Santa, Christmas Eve beginning at 8 o'clock. English Baptist Christmas tree, program and santa, Christmas Eve, beginning at 8 o'clock. Swedish Methodist Services 6 o'clock a. m. Christmas morning. Sunday school program at 7:30 p. m. Christmas day.

MRS. FULLER SELLS FARM Mrs. Clara K. Fuller has disposed of her "Paradise" farm, located northwest of this city, to R. L. Palmer, proprietor of the Buckman hotel. The tract contains 122 acres of land, lying immediately outside the city limits on the West side.

Mr. Palmer will operate the farm and its products will be used at the hotel. A quantity of stock and farm equipment was included in the sale.

DIED Miss Burette Caroline Carlson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carlson of this city, passed away at her home on Second street southwest Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m., from a complication of diseases, from which she suffered for two months. She was 20 years of age.

Deceased was born in Little Falls January 2, 1895. She received her education in the local grade schools, after which she took a course in the local business college. For the past year and a half she was employed in St. Paul, the last year as a stenographer at the office of the West Publishing company of that city.

The funeral will be held from the Methodist Episcopal church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. A. M. Watson will officiate. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. E. F. Evans, aunt of the deceased, and daughter, Miss Essie, are in the city for the funeral.

BORN STREUKENS—To Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Streukens of Staples, Sunday, December 13, a daughter, Mrs. Streukens was before her marriage Miss Olive Harrison of this city. CASH—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cash of Little Falls town, Monday, December 14, a daughter.

MARRIED Judson Phelps of Todd county and Miss Hattie Peterson of this county were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Judge of Probate E. F. Shaw, at his office in the court house, Monday morning. They will make their home on the groom's farm in Todd county. IN JUSTICE COURT Peter Bolaski of Swan River was arrested yesterday morning and brought before Justice Randall to answer to a charge of assault and battery preferred by Anna Nagorah of Swan River. He was found guilty and was fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$12.84. Phil S. Randall has returned from Upsala, where he surveyed & surveyed and platted 62 acres of land for the Upsala Townsite company. He completed work Saturday.